

CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A method for making leather tiles, comprising the steps of:

a) preparing a semifinished leather tile having a first face and a second face;

5 b) introducing said semifinished leather tile in a plastic resin injection mould, with said first face oriented towards the bottom of the mould;

c) introducing the plastic resin in said mould, the resin filling the remaining free space; and,

d) hardening the plastic resin that becomes integral to said semifinished leather tile.

10 2. The method, of Claim 1, further comprises before said step b) a step i) comprises making at least one through hole of predetermined shape suitable for connecting said first face and said second face of said semifinished leather tile, whereby during said step of introducing the plastic resin in said mould said plastic resin fills said or each hole of said semifinished leather tile, after hardening said resin resulting thus visible from said first face
15 forming a design, a script, a decoration, etc. matching said hole.

3. The method, of Claim 1, wherein said mould is shaped to allow a portion of said resin to harden at said second face of the semifinished leather tile, said resin sticking to said semifinished leather tile thus creating a strengthening layer that levels its thickness.

4. The method, of Claim 1, wherein said hardened resin has a side portion exceeding said second face of said semifinished leather tile, said side portion creating an exterior edge that surrounds the leather tile.

5. The method, of Claim 1, further comprising preliminarily to said step a) a step ii) machining the side edges for facilitating the approach of the leather tiles to one another when laying the lining.

6. A leather tile it comprising a first face, a second face and a layer of plastic resin fixed to said second face.

7. The leather tile of Claim 6, having at least one through hole having predetermined shape between said first face and said second face, said or each hole being filled with hardened resin in order to form a pattern or a script matching said shape at said first face.

8. The leather tile of Claim 6, wherein said hardened resin extends along said second face, whereby said tile comprises a first layer of leather and a second layer of hardened resin stuck with each other, thus strengthening the tile and levelling the thickness.

15 9. The leather tile, of Claim 6, wherein said hardened resin has a side portion exceeding the second face of the semifinished leather tile, said hardened resin thus creating an exterior edge that surrounds the leather.

10. The leather tile, of Claim 7, having machined side edges that make easier the approach with each other of adjacent leather tiles when laying a lining.